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In the application of :  
**DONN NELTON RUBINGH et al.** : Confirmation No. 3865  
 Serial No. 09/646,984 : Group Art Unit 1652  
 Filed September 25, 2000 : Examiner W.W. Moore  
 For **SERINE PROTEASE VARIANTS HAVING AMINO ACID DELETIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO  
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals under 37 CFR 1.191(a) to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner dated March 17, 2004 finally rejecting Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 18, 20, 22 24, 26 and 27. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00 (37 CFR 1.17(b)).

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for response to the Office Action dated March 17 2004 in the above-identified application to permit filing this Notice of Appeal. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: for a -month extension of time.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

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